



ANNUAL REPORT 

OF THE

Town of Amherst,

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1894.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY, TOWN CLERK, AND OTHER
REPORTS OF THE
TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1894.

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REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

CASH RECEIVED.

	Dr.
Balance in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1893,	\$ 2,949 30
Insurance tax,	45 75
Railroad tax,	512 10
Savings bank tax,	3,662 56
Literary fund,	239 75
Interest on Lawrence fund,	64 88
" " Blunt "	2 00
Cemetery lots sold,	36 00
County Hillsboro,	1,314 14
Rent of town house,	149 83
Collected taxes for 1892,	58 96
Interest on taxes for 1892,	53
Stone sold from town ledge,	1 50
Notes,	2,075 00
James U. Prince,	10 00
Geo. H. Hodgman, error in police bill,	2 75
Rent of pasture,	100 00
Old iron sold,	3 60
Taxes,	8,080 48
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$19,309 13

CR.	CASH PAID.	
State tax,	\$	1,995 00
County tax,		1,857 01
Interest,		64 52
Town officers,		843 50
Schools,		2,377 43
School officers,		181 75
" supplies,		167 47
" repair fund,		500 00
Water rents,		99 50
Fire department,		109 35
Street lighting,		253 48
Town hall,		149 83
Insurance,		154 60
Highway and bridges,		2,117 03
Snow bills,		839 37
Soldiers' aid,		778 25
County aid,		274 00
Town aid,		467 70
Miscellaneous,		939 54
Abatement on taxes, 1892,		19 68
" " " " 1893,		99 81
Discount " " 1893,		90 91
Town farm,		348 08
Building committee,		2,000 00
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		\$16,727 81
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		2,581 32
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		\$19,309 13

DOG ACCOUNT.	DR.
Balance in hands of Treasurer March 1, 1893,	\$266 88
Cash from J. F. Osgood,	104 00
Licenses issued,	163 58
Tax for 1892,	28 00
Cash from A. C. Hardy for damage by dog,	1 00
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	\$563 46

DOG ACCOUNT, CASH PAID.

Treasurer Board of Education,	\$370 88	
Abated tax,	1 00	
R. S. Boutelle, killing dogs,	6 00	377 88
Balance in hands of Treasurer February 15, 1894,		<u>\$185 58</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received by Treasurer,	\$19,309 13
Paid out as per orders,	<u>16,727 81</u>
	\$ 2,581 32
Due from County,	<u>156 00</u>
	\$ 2,737 32
Notes outstanding against town,	<u>2,575 00</u>
To the Town's credit,	\$ 162 32

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. BURTT, Treasurer.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES P. HARTSHORN, }
JAMES F. WESTON, } Auditors.

AMHERST, N. H., Feb. 20, 1894.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Frank Hartshorn,	\$ 3 30
J. H. Dodge,	2,076 96
Clark & Sloan, shovels and rivets,	2 32
A. R. Merrill, old bill,	4 50
S. D. Chandler, cement pipe,	18 00
Oliver Carter, old bill,	6 42
H. H. Belden,	1 30
F. A. Holbrook,	2 35
George Colston,	1 00
C. L. Wilkins & Co., spikes,	88
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$2,117 03

SCHOOLS.

A. J. McGown, services on board of education,	\$ 54 75
W. W. Sloan, " " " " "	75 00
S. E. Dodge, " " " " "	45 00
C. W. Dodge, moderator of school meeting,	3 00
W. W. Sloan, clerk of school meeting,	4 00
E. E. Babb & Co., school supplies,	147 18
Porter & Coates, " "	12 42
King & Merrill, " "	4 87
D. C. Heath, " "	3 00
Appropriations for schools,	3,248 31
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$3,597 53

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. C. Hubbard, first selectman,	\$130 00
B. F. Whiting, second, selectman,	100 00
C. L. Trow, third selectman,	90 00
G. E. Farley, tax collector,	100 00
E. K. Burt, sexton,	76 00
E. K. Burt, treasurer,	60 00
W. D. Clark, town clerk,	30 00
C. L. Wilkins, " "	25 00
E. C. Hubbard, overseer of poor,	40 00
B. F. Whiting, " " "	10 00
C. L. Trow, " " "	10 00
A. M. Wilkins, chairman building committee,	44 25
D. W. Trow, " " " " "	35 00
R. T. Knight,	20 00
G. H. Hodgman, police,	10 00
W. W. Sloan, "	5 00
R. S. Boutelle, constable,	5 00
A. M. Wilkins, moderator and supervisor,	8 00
" " " " " "	6 00
F. A. Holbrook, supervisor,	5 00
J. M. Jackson, "	5 00
C. L. Wilkins, auditor,	3 00
C. W. Dodge, "	3 00
G. H. Hodgman, police,	2 75
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	\$823 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid O. H. Lowd :

March,	\$ 40 78
May,	16 70
June,	23 10
July,	15 00
August,	18 60
September,	17 70
October,	33 13
November,	19 00
December,	19 22
January,	24 98
February,	25 27
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	\$253 48

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

F. C. Taylor, oil, etc.,	\$ 46	
F. C. Taylor, fireward,	5 00	
G. H. Lakin, care of engine house,	3 00	
W. W. Sloan, fireward,	5 00	
Clark & Sloan, alcohol and oil,	1 35	
R. S. Boutell, fireward,	5 00	
Clark & Sloan, wood,	2 25	
A. F. Annis, watching fire,	2 00	
G. H. Lakin, care of engine house,	2 75	
F. C. Taylor, money for engine company,	90 00	
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		\$116 91

TOWN HALL.

G. H. Hodgman, janitor,	\$128 38	
G. H. Hodgman, wood,	8 75	
Clark & Sloan, supplies,	5 30	
C. D. Wilson, " "	4 46	
C. L. Wilkins & Co, supplies,	2 94	
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		\$149 83

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Lucy F. Boylston,	\$ 8 00	
George N. Bosworth,	19 04	
Joseph P. Trow,	13 08	
Edward N. Carr,	5 23	
Mary Bosworth,	12 50	
F. D. Noyes,	6 67	
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		\$64 52

WATER BILLS.

F. Hartshorn, old bill,	\$ 3 00
E. A. Bennett,	3 00
J. P. Trow,	3 00
F. Hartshorn,	3 00
A. M. Philbrick,	3 00
H. S. Boutelle,	3 00
W. S. Peaslee,	3 00

D. Fiske, old bill,		3 00
J. F. Hanson,		3 00
F. C. Taylor, fire reservoir,		6 00
E. W. Nichols, trough,	\$ 3 00	
“ “ large trough,	12 00	
“ “ reservoir in common,	6 00	
“ “ water in town house,	6 00	27 00
A. Melendy, engine house,	12 00	
“ “ stone trough,	12 00	
“ “ reservoir,	4 50	28 50
H. H. Belden, cemetery,	\$ 5 00	
“ “ reservoir,	6 00	11 00
		<u>\$99 50</u>

SNOW BILLS.

L. F. Bills,	\$17 00
C. H. Pond,	3 15
H. W. Keyes,	2 25
Daniel Daley,	2 70
Henry West,	6 00
W. E. Alexander,	3 75
F. A. Noyes,	1 95
L. F. Bills,	15 10
H. S. Boutelle,	13 65
Frank Hanson,	4 49
C. Pherson,	4 50
E. H. Lakin,	4 65
T. W. Richards,	4 00
F. A. Noyes,	1 75
L. F. Bills,	2 85
J. H. Dodge,	170 14
F. J. Smith,	75
J. F. Bills,	3 58
H. H. Belden,	4 50
Fred Ford,	6 00
P. F. Odell,	3 75
F. W. Chase,	9 13
D. W. Trow,	7 15

E. E. Bullard,	21 70
Frank Hartshorn,	32 60
D. A. Peabody,	11 18
W. L. Weston,	20 53
J. Sampson,	9 45
John Scully,	2 63
J. U. Prince,	10 50
A. E. Chickering,	3 29
H. H. Piper,	3 14
J. P. Fletcher,	3 38
J. P. Gould,	21 03
J. A. Hanson,	6 54
E. C. Hubbard,	16 85
F. A. Holbrook,	12 45
H. Hayward,	5 25
H. H. Belden,	4 50
Fred E. Parkhurst,	1 80
Roscoe Parkhurst,	1 80
F. C. Taylor,	3 75
A. J. Stevens,	8 03
H. S. Bontelle,	1 75
C. Shipley,	21 49
J. U. Prince,	10 00
L. C. Gilson,	8 05
H. A. Junkins,	6 25
H. J. West,	90
C. M. Barrett,	8 15
J. A. Bullard,	3 90
H. P. Odell,	3 95
C. E. Wilkins,	10 00
F. Shoram,	1 80
P. M. Odell,	4 65
O. Carter,	5 85
E. A. Parkhurst,	6 37
O. H. Loud,	1 43
D. B. Marble,	3 28
H. T. Harvell,	14 67
F. W. Noyes,	5 41
G. E. Parker,	10 20

J. A. Boutelle,	27 80	
N. D. Wright,	24 87	
William W. Goodale,	18 86	
E. E. Bullard,	47 80	
C. S. White,	9 90	
J. M. Jackson,	7 27	
C. S. Parker,	8 82	
William Rhoades,	30 45	
Frank Hartshorn,	15 40	
Ralph Holbrook,	20 20	
Lemuel Fuller,	6 16	
William S. Peasley,	1 05	
		<hr/> \$839 37

MISCELLANEOUS.

Samuel Wilkins, damage by mob,	\$ 5 00
W. D. Clark, recording births and deaths,	16 75
W. D. Clark, notifying jurors,	3 50
H. H. Barber, curtains for town hall,	13 50
Frank Hartshorn, posts for library and cemetery,	4 40
E. C. Hubbard, stationery,	2 00
W. D. Clark, cash paid Drs. Dearborn, Hutchinson, and Pettengill for returning births and deaths,	7 00
George S. Wheeler, piano cover,	3 50
J. P. Nourse, care of town clock (old bill)	15 00
J. P. Nourse, care of town clock,	12 87
G. F. Hanson, repairs on hearse and tomb,	4 15
H. S. Hutchinson, M. D., medical advice,	3 00
G. H. Hodgman, meals for tramps,	6 20
J. H. Coggin, work in cemetery,	2 00
R. S. Boutelle, liquor raid,	7 72
Charles Pherson, repairs on town clock,	4 35
W. W. Sloan, food for tramps,	1 40
S. Wilkins, mowing common,	4 00
R. S. Boutelle, feeding tramps,	1 00
H. M. Parker, care of watering trough,	2 00
J. J. Crawford & Son, door for tomb,	23 39
E. K. Burt, labor on Blunt lot,	2 00
N. Perham, labor on tomb,	8 50
Perham & Fields, labor on tomb,	50 00

D. K. Marvell, labor on tomb,	50
W. B. Rotch, insurance on engine house and engines,	9 60
W. B. Rotch, insurance on town farm building,	20 00
W. B. Rotch, printing	62 25
J. Cochran & Son, work on tomb,	18 84
J. H. Manning, labor in cemetery,	9 90
E. M. Burnham, copying,	11 50
E. A. Sawtelle, tuning piano,	3 00
J. O. Pulsifer, insurance,	18 75
E. K. Burt, labor in cemetery,	54 00
E. K. Burt, window for lockup,	1 25
E. C. Eastman, order book,	1 35
E. C. Eastman, stationery,	2 48
E. C. Eastman, record of marriage intentions,	3 38
C. E. Knight, legal advice,	11 00
F. A. Noyes, old jail,	200 00
J. O. Pulsifer, insurance,	106 25
Dr. F. Chandler, return of births and deaths,	4 00
R. S. Boutelle, dog killer,	6 00
Appropriation for town library,	2 50
Abatement for 1892,	19 68
Abatement for 1893,	99 81
Discount on taxes for 1893,	90 91
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	\$960 18

SOLDIERS' AID BY THE COUNTY.

P. W. Dodge, rent for R. D. Moore,	\$36 00
C. D. Wilson, goods for Edson Davis,	27 00
C. D. Wilson, goods for R. D. Moore,	72 00
Clark & Sloan, goods for Edson Davis,	42 00
R. H. Prince, meat for Edson Davis,	15 00
Clark & Sloan, goods for J. P. Webster,	32 50
Clark & Sloan, goods for Nancy J. Wetherbee,	39 00
J. B. Pettengill, attendance on N. J. Wetherbee,	13 50
J. B. Pettengill, attendance on J. P. Webster,	3 75
W. L. Weston, coal for C. Crooker,	31 00
J. F. Weston, wood for C. Crooker,	8 00
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\$319 75

SOLDIERS AID BY THE TOWN.

Mrs. Sheehan,	\$88 00	
H. S. Hutchinson, medical attendance to Mrs. Sheehan,	5 50	
		<hr/> \$93 50

COUNTY POOR.

L. J. Webster, board of Mrs. Story,	\$106 00	
T. S. Merrow, board for D. W. Cram,	58 00	
J. B. Pettengill, attendance on D. Daly,	5 25	
J. B. Pettengill, attendance on B. Jepson,	2 75	
F. Chandler, attendance on H. Stewart,	1 25	
F. Chandler, attendance on D. Daly,	2 75	
Wm. Melendy, board of Benj. Jepson,	78 00	
Wm. Melendy, clothes for Benj. Jepson,	5 00	
S. B. Webster, board of D. Daly,	10 00	
T. S. Merrow, clothing for Walter Cram,	5 00	
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TOWN POOR.

Mrs. Gilmore, for board of Mrs. Butterfield,	\$86 00	
Mrs. Gilmore, clothes for Mrs. Butterfield,	15 00	
Mrs. Emma Green, for board of Jane Green,	59 00	
Lizzie Johnson, board at Industrial School,	6 00	
J. B. Pettengill, attendance on Mrs. Butterfield,	1 25	
W. R. Clark, hack for funeral of J. Butterfield,	3 00	
G. K. Walker, meat for J. Butterfield,	2 70	
J. B. Pettengill, attendance on J. Butterfield,	14 50	
D. W. Trow, wood for J. Butterfield,	4 00	
J. B. Pettengill, attendance on Jane Green,	9 60	
E. K. Burt, coffin and robe for J. Butterfield,	23 00	
Geo. Merrill, board at County farm,	29 45	
Clark & Sloan, goods furnished J. Butterfield,	17 59	
Clark & Sloan, goods furnished for Mrs. Nourse,	68 46	
J. M. Laws, shoes for Fred Hill,	3 65	
F. W. Richardson, clothes for Fred Hill,	13 20	
C. D. Wilson, clothes for George Merrill,	2 80	
Clark and Sloan, shoes for Fred Hill,	1 50	
W. L. Cross, board of Fred Hill,	100 00	
F. Chandler, attendance on Mrs. Butterfield,	7 00	
		<hr/> \$467 70

MEMORIAL DAY.

C. H. Phelps, Post 43, in account with town of Amherst.

Cash received of Town,		\$50 00
Paid Merrimack Cornet Band,	\$20 00	
Paid John Thorpe, address,	10 00	
Paid George W. Osgood, ham and beef,	6 95	
Paid Clark & Sloan, lemons and sugar,	4 33	
Paid Eben Meserve, supplies,	4 25	
Paid C. L. Wilkins & Co., groceries,	3 28	
Paid George P. Boutelle, rent of dishes,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$49 81
Balance in hands of Quarter Master,		19

TOWN FARM BUILDINGS.

Bills against the Town of Amherst for labor and material furnished on Town Farm Buildings :

F. C. Taylor, sheet lead, zinc, iron,	\$ 23 06	
G. F. Hanson, bolts and iron,	1 50	
W. L. Cross, labor,	1 35	
J. Cochran, labor and material,	297 40	
F. Hartshorn, lumber,	272 26	
C. D. Wilson, hardware,	35 60	
W. F. French, hardware,	32 83	
N. D. Wright, labor with team,	177 64	
E. K. Burt, labor and material,		
Balance due September 1,	500 68	
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INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN AMHERST, 1893

No. Polls 263,	\$ 26,300 00
" Horses 331,	25,764 00
" Oxen 24,	900 00
" Cows 976,	19,450 00
" Neat stock 146,	2,162 00
" Sheep 5,	14 00
" Hogs 8,	86 00

" Fowls 535,	250 00
" Carriages 38,	2,770 00
Stock in banks, etc.,	8,300 00
Money on hand,	15,100 00
Stock in trade,	14,188 00
Stock in public funds,	1,700 00
Aqueducts and mills,	8,300 00
Real estate,	512,070 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$637,354 00</u>

EUGENE C. HUBBARD,	}	Selectmen of Amherst.
BENJAMIN F. WHITING,		
CLARENCE L. TROW,		

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES P. HARTSHORN,	}	Auditors.
JAMES F. WESTON,		

AMHERST, N. H., February 20, 1894.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

EXPENSES ON TOWN FARM..

T. S. Merrow, plowing, sowing, etc.,	\$ 72 25
T. S. Merrow, cutting millet,	60 79
W. A. Batchelder, English hay,	62 30
W. F. French, barb wire and staples,	9 19
C. F. Wright, labor putting up fence,	6 00
W. A. Batchelder, cutting town farm meadow,	102 80
C. E. Kendall, seed,	34 75
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	\$ 348 08
A. M. Wilkins, chairman building committee,	2,000 00
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	\$2,348 08

EUGENE C. HUBBARD,	}	Overseers
B. F. WHITING,		of
CLARENCE L. TROW,		Poor.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES P. HARTSHORN,	}	Auditors
JAMES F. WESTON,		

AMHERST, N. H., February 20, 1894.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

G. H. Lakin, attendance on A. C. Hardy,	\$21 00
E. R. Angell, analysis of water,	6 55
“ “ “ “ “ “	3 40
Clark & Sloan, material for fumigation, etc.,	5 31
F. C. Chandler, professional services,	2 35
E. C. Hubbard's bill as board of health,	18 00
B. F. Whiting, “ “ “ “	2 50
E. Owen, on account of laws controlling board of health,	12 25
	\$71 36

Due from A. C. Hardy, as per money paid G. H. Lakin as nurse, \$21 00

EUGENE C. HUBBARD,	}	Selectmen of Amherst.
BENJAMIN F. WHITING,		
CLARENCE L. TROW,		

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CHARLES P. HARTSHORN,	}	Auditors.
JAMES F. WESTON,		

AMHERST, N. H., February 20, 1894.

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT.

SNOW BILLS.

John Hanson,	\$ 8 23
C. L. Trow,	10 18
C. H. Rogers,	5 25
Thomas Merrow,	5 34
J. E. Upton,	6 20
G. K. Walker,	11 00
William Rhoads,	14 23
Frank Holbrook,	4 00
J. F. Hanson,	2 62
E. E. Bullard,	10 60
William Goodale,	7 95
J. U. Prince,	1 40
D. W. Trow,	3 00
William Weston,	7 50
John A. Boutell,	7 35
E. Carr,	2 10
H. T. Harvell,	10 31
H. A. Junkins,	5 80
Fred Parker,	7 45
Frank Chase,	1 75
E. C. Hubbard,	8 59
H. S. Boutell,	1 55
John Gould,	4 30
Walter Batchelder,	5 95
D. A. Peabody,	10 48
J. H. Dodge,	4 01
John Bullard,	3 00

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HIGHWAY.

F. Hartshorn,	29 02
W. Weston,	75 25
C. W. Dodge,	1 53
Austin Merrill,	75
M. L. Wheeler,	2 40
S. D. Chandler,	1 80
B. & M. R. R.,	25
Oliver Carter,	3 90
Ren Cross,	1 50
George Hanson,	10 55
H. S. Boutell,	3 23
John Shipley,	90
Chester Shipley,	11 20
C. L. Trow,	3 55
F. W. Chase,	3 80
C. E. Wilkins,	3 75
D. A. Peabody,	19 50
William Rhoads,	29 15
Arthur Howison,	21 60
C. M. Barrett,	1 20
John Horn,	22 18
John Sampson,	4 50
J. P. Trow,	1 50
H. P. Odell,	4 35
H. T. Harvell,	6 85
A. E. Parkhurst,	9 75
J. & H. Manning,	4 52
F. W. Noyes,	1 60
H. H. Belden,	21 05
J. U. Prince,	18 00
F. A. Holbrook,	5 60
F. Bills,	1 50
E. Hodgman,	75
C. A. Peabody,	11 85
Lemuel Fuller,	6 80
C. A. Prince,	5 40
Walter Batchelder,	15 50
William Peaslee,	13 85

John Hadlock,	51	50
John Hanson,	30	15
H. D. Caldwell,	4	50
D. W. Trow,	19	00
Henry Peabody,	18	38
J. E. Upton,	2	00
Charles Pherson,	3	75
John Gould,	8	02
E. C. Hubbard,	2	00
W. B. Crooker,	4	80
J. P. Trow,	7	75
P. B. Flint,	8	78
O. S. Whitehill,	31	90
J. P. Fletcher,	10	00
W. F. Campbell,	5	30
David Rhoads,	1	80
George Harvey,	7	00
Thomas Jones,	1	75
F. Bills,		75
E. E. Bullard,	62	25
Isaiah Berry,	5	06
	<hr/>	\$2,077 22
Amount expended for highways,	\$2,077	22
“ “ “ “ snow bills,	170	14
Amount in road agent's hands,	2	34

JOHN H. DODGE, Road Agent.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly cast and vouched.

CHARLES P. HARTSHORN, }
JAMES F. WESTON, } Auditors

AMHERST, N. H., February 20, 1894.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of Amherst Town Library.

In submitting the annual report the Trustees are pleased to report the books, building and property of the Town in good condition.

The trustees met April 21, and elected Rev. J. G. Davis, president; Mrs. W. D. Clark, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Burnham was re-elected librarian and has completed her 22d year of valuable and uninterrupted service in this capacity.

The increased appropriation of the Town at its last annual meeting, has enabled your trustees to carry forward the work of the library, now so well commenced.

During the year sixty-eight volumes have been added to the library, sixty-three by purchase and five by donation, as follows:

Sketch of a Busy Life,	}	Edw. D. Boylston.
Grant as a Soldier and Statesman,		
Geology and Mineralogy of New Hamp.		
History 8th Regt. N. H. Vols.,	}	State of N. H.
Dedication of Statue of John P. Hale,		

Among the valuable and costly additions to the shelves have been "Kugler's History of Art," and several works upon Architecture. The Cosmopolitan Magazine has been added to the list of monthly periodicals.

Two months during the summer, the library was opened three times during each week. This was an experiment. The trustees thinking the many visitors in town during these months might enjoy the use of the library. The result was somewhat disappointing, and the continuance of the plan of doubtful expediency.

A new fence has been erected upon the west side of the library lot, and the roof of the building re-painted. A sign in raised gilt letters has also been placed over the door. Chairs and a table have been purchased for the reading room and a lamp donated by Miss Myrick. From the proceeds of the sale of copies of "A Sketch of a Busy Life," generously donated by Dea. E. D. Boylston, the furnishing of the reading room will soon be completed.

The total issue of books for the year has been 2051, conveying pleasure and profit to eighty-six families.

In closing this report your trustees would say that the year has been free from any notable abuses. No books have been lost. We now have nearly three thousand volumes, the general character of which are of a high standard. Suggestions and recommendations from the patrons of the library are always welcomed by the trustees.

The large additions to the library and the multiplicity of supplements to the original catalogue, has led somewhat to confusion and annoyance. It is the unanimous opinion of your trustees that a new arrangement of the books should be made, and a new classified catalogue immediately printed. If the same appropriation is con-

tinued another year we are confident this can be accomplished, and will greatly increase the usefulness and value of the library as a public institution. The appropriation for 1893 was \$250.00.

The organization of the Board is as follows:

TRUSTEES.

Rev. J. G. Davis,	}	Term expires March, 1894.
Mrs. E. W. Nichols,	}	
Wm. B. Rotch,	}	Term expires March, 1895.
Miss Ada M. Rhodes,	}	
Rev. A. J. McGown,	}	Term expires March, 1896.
Mrs. W. D. Clark,	}	

The treasurers report is herewith subjoined:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.	By balance in treasury,	\$ 21 49	
	cash from town,	250 00	
	finer and sale of catalogues,	1 68	
			\$273 17
CR.	To books purchased (bills on file)	\$90 21	
	Harper's, Cosmopolitan and Review		
	of Reviews,	7 45	
	building of one-half of fence,	9 71	
	painting the same,	7 56	
	services of librarian,	55 00	
	services of janitor,	15 00	
	binding and repairing books,	30 24	
	gilt letters for building,	5 25	
	painting roof of building,	3 17	
	lighting,	1 20	
	opening paths, etc.,	50	
	express, postage, and incidentals,	3 36	
	balance on hand,	44 52	
			\$273 17

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1893.

BIRTHS.

- Jan. 18, a son to Edward and Cora Bartlett.
Feb. 1, Bertha Florence, a daughter to Benjamin F. and Margaret Butterfield.
Feb. 9, a daughter to James A. and Maggie Doyle.
Feb. 24, a daughter to John and Annie M. Buckley.
Feb. 28, a daughter to Frank C. and Ellen E. Taylor.
March 17, Emma Isabelle and Ella Eliza, daughters to Wm. F. and Adeline Nay.
April 29, Warren Richardson, a son to John A. and Georgia S. Hanson.
May 17, Howard Upton, a son to Chas. E. and Addie Wilkins.
May 25, Douglas Llewellyn, a son to Arthur W. and Beatrix S. Parkhurst.
June 11, a daughter to Charles D. and Isabelle W. Hale.
Sept. 13, Berna Leland, a son to Charles A. and Lilla W. Mason.
Sept. 20, Florence Elizabeth, a daughter to Luther B. and Nellie C. Converse.
Oct. 8, Beatrice Elizabeth, a daughter to Chas. and Lilla M. Bills.
Oct. 28, Agnes Fuller, a daughter to Charles and Eliza L. Converse.
Nov. 29, a daughter to J. Edward and Etta M. Upton.
Nov. 30 Rodney Jackson, a son to Edwin G. and Sarah J. Hodgman.
Dec. 23, Edna Trow, a daughter to Arthur G. and Emma E. Burns.

MARRIAGES.

April 7, Edwin G. Hodgman and S. Lizzie Jackson, both of Amherst.

August 18, Terence Clarkin and Bridget Foy, both of Amherst.

September 19, Harlan P. Odell of Amherst, and Emma F. Trow, of Mont Vernon.

October 21, Isaac W. Parker of Pepperell, Mass., and Rebecca M. Read of Amherst.

November 26, Eli A. Sawtelle and Emily C. Reilly, both of Amherst.

December 7, Nelson Merchant of Bedford, N. H., and Etta M. West of Amherst.

December 27, Harry Bontelle and Anna C. Whiting, both of Amherst.

DEATHS.

Jan. 4, Sarah P. Marshall, aged 78 years, 7 months, 17 days.

Jan. 8, Edward A. Caldwell, Aged 63 years, 5 months, 18 days.

Jan. 16, Susan E. Decatur, aged 55 years, 2 months, 26 days.

Feb. 3, Frank H. Harvell, aged 18 years, 8 months, 1 day.

March 18, Emma Isabelle Nay, aged 1 1-2 days.

March 19, Ella Eliza Nay, aged 2 days.

March 27, Clara Bobilee, aged 2 years, 1 month, 5 days.

April 5, Joseph Butterfield, aged 67 years, 1 month.

April 12, Sarah Elizabeth Stevens Jacobs, aged 76 years, 6 months.

April 22, Mary Rose Buckley, aged 2 months.

April 28, Hannah W. Marvell, aged 78 years, 5 months, 13 days.

May 2, John Scully, aged 69 years.

May 11, Aaron B. Woodward, aged 72 years, 2 months.

May 19, Elizabeth Conrey, aged 77 years, 10 months.

May 24, Royal Sumner Hill, aged 8 months, 11 days.

May 24, Elsie M. Jackson, aged 11 years, 10 months, 27 days.

May 24, Mary W. Putnam, aged 73 years, 7 months.

June 14, George Danforth, aged 86 years, 9 months.

June 23, Martha M. Kenson, aged 88 years, 5 months.

August 3, Eliza Ryder Peacock, aged 81 years, 5 months, 10 days.

August 18, Martha Trow Boutell, aged 68 years, 5 months, 8 days.

Sept. 1, Nelly D. Willoughby, aged 89 years, 3 months.

- Sept. 4, Miriam C. Kimball, aged 67 years.
 Sept. 13, Berna Leland Mason, aged 1-2 day.
 Sept. 22, Hartwell Hildreth, aged 85 years, 11 months, 15 days.
 Oct. 7, Catherine J. Bills, aged 68 years, 9 months.
 Oct. 9, M. Abby Wilkins, aged 64 years, 5 months, 24 days.
 Oct. 16, Edward R. Aiken, aged 9 months, 26 days.
 Nov. 3, Benlah M. Aiken, aged 2 years, 2 months, 27 days.
 Nov. 4, Almira Upton, aged 82 years, 3 months, 16 days.
 Nov. 6, Margaret B. Peabody, aged 56 years, 6 months, 13 days.
 Nov. 10, Sarah R. Earns, aged 75 years, 7 months.
 Dec. 8, Edith T. Clise, aged 12 years, 8 months, 8 days.
 Dec. 13, Elizabeth Wheeler, aged 57 years, 4 months, 9 days.
 Dec. 26, Mary J. Skinner, 82 years, 5 months.
 Dec. 30, John C. Philbrick, aged 62 years, 3 months.

REPORT

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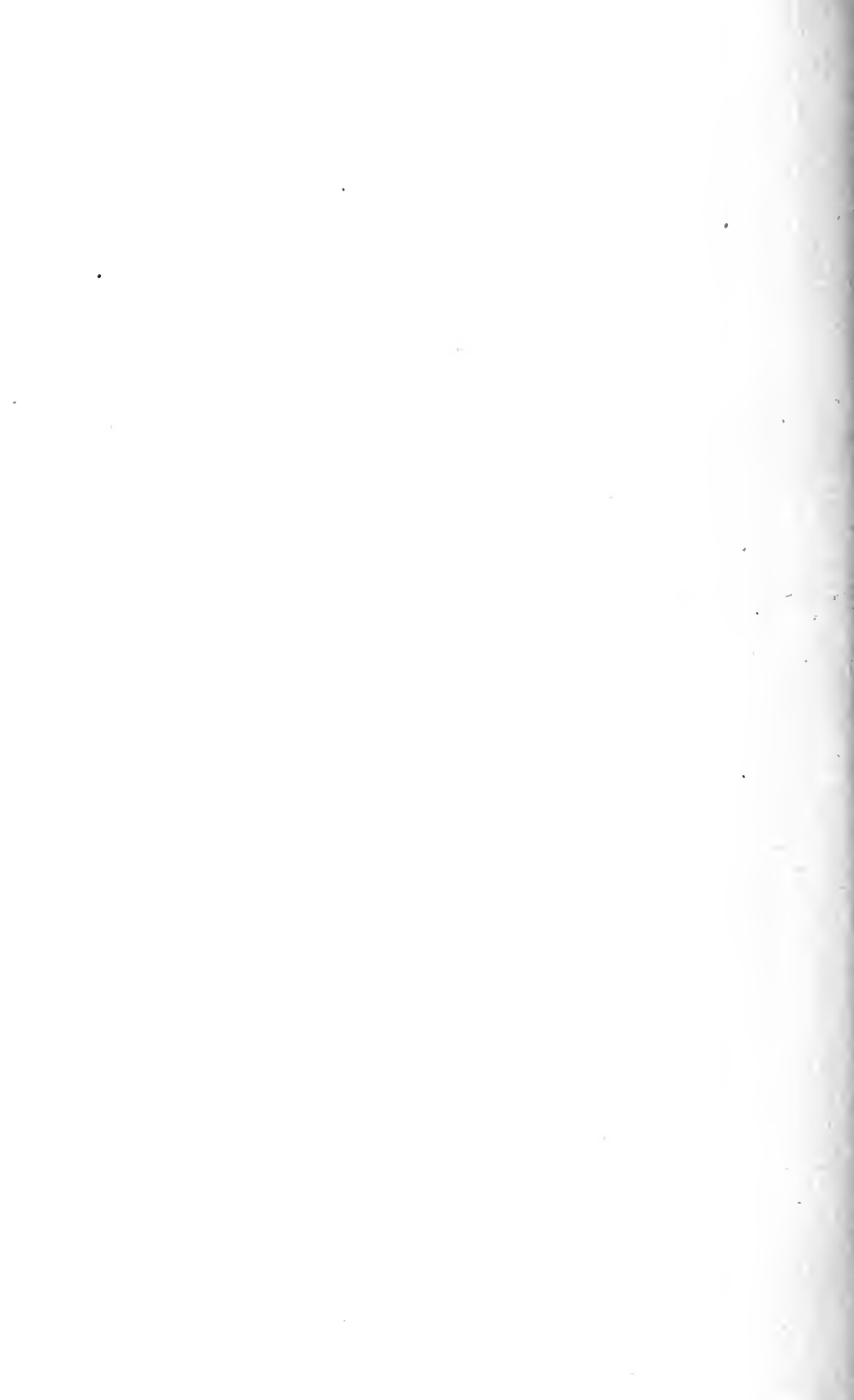
Board of Education,

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REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1894.

ORGANIZATION.

At the school meeting held March 14, W. W. Sloan was re-elected a member of the School Board for a term of three years.

At the meeting of the Board held March 16, Rev. A. J. McGown was chosen President, W. W. Sloan was appointed Treasurer, S. E. Dodge, Secretary.

The supervision of Schools was divided among the members of the Board. W. W. Sloan was appointed to attend to furnishing supply of fuel and repairs.

REMARKS.

The last annual report of the Board of Education was largely an account of the studies pursued, and progress made in the several districts of the Town.

With the exception of a few changes the same studies have been pursued, and, on the whole, gratifying progress in them has been made. I think it can be truly said that in no year since the writer became a member of the Board has there been so much improvement in every direction as the year we are now reporting has shown. This is true of many of the schools at least, if not of all, and it speaks well for both the scholars and their instructors.

The discipline in some of the schools has greatly improved, and the interest of the scholars in their work has been materially increased.

The Board still has the conviction that a change of teachers, as a rule, is detrimental to the best results, and has changed them only as it was compelled to do so, by the teachers resigning of their own accord, or as it has seemed to it that the change could wisely be made. It is not always easy to find a suitable teacher for the vacancies which—as has been the case in several instances this year—unexpectedly occur and which must be promptly filled. There are teachers not a few, but the one that is wanted for a particular school is not always to be had. The Board is confident, however, that, considering all the circumstances, its choice of teachers has been fairly wise.

The High School, under the efficient management of Mr. Crooks, who was in charge during the fall and winter terms, has greatly improved. A careful, but by no means rigid, discipline has brought the scholars under good subjection, and has secured an attention to study which cannot be without marked effect. This school has been increased in numbers by scholars from other districts, who have proven a valuable accession. There is no longer any need for a boy or girl who desires a good English education to go out of town to secure it, for the privilege is open to him or her here, and as much in advance of this as from time to time shall seem to be demanded, for the way is open to add to the studies now pursued just as fast as any considerable number shall be prepared to take them.

The Primary School still retains its mixed condition. The best results will not be reached here until there shall be a closer grading, which at present does not seem to be expedient.

It is a mistaken notion that anybody can teach a primary school; for it demands a peculiar talent. Not one teacher in ten is adapted to it, and one has reason to congratulate herself who in this grade is successful. To be able to interest a score or more of children, unused as some of them are to school life, and to be the first to teach their "ideas to shoot," puts a draft upon a teacher's tact and talent to which she is nowhere else subjected.

To this grade Miss Keyes, who taught two terms, was particularly well adapted, and the Board accepted the resignation, which she handed in on account of physical disability, with great reluctance. Miss Holbrook, who has wrought well in other fields, undertook the work at the beginning of the winter term, and has carried it on successfully.

The district school is kindergarten, primary, intermediate and grammar school in one, as scholars of all ages and degrees of attainment are brought together here for instruction. The teacher must be an all-round person; at home as well with algebraic formulas as with the alphabet; able to direct the little child with untutored mind as well as the youth of maturer thought. It is to be feared that the teacher in the district school is not more than half appreciated. Surely her's is a trying position. How much the parents may help her if they will, by instructing their children to render a willing obedience to her commands, and by silencing and withholding criticism. It is not necessary, perhaps, to remark upon these schools one by one. Only two of them, No. 3 and No. 5, have enjoyed the same instructor throughout the year. On account of sickness in the neighborhood, the spring term at No. 6 was somewhat broken. All of these schools—with one exception, No. 2, which numbers a score or more—are small. No. 9 shows an increase in numbers. The small school is not without its advantages. Where the teacher is faithful she can give much attention to the few who look to her for instruction. The Board has been glad to note that the scholars in the smallest school have made remarkable advancement.

Nos. 4 and 7 have remained closed throughout the year. What the future will develop for them is uncertain. The Board has no desire to be arbitrary in the matter.

When the demand shall be such as to make it wise to open them, undoubtedly it will be done; though the hope is still cherished that the time will come when consolidation will be recognized as the wisest policy.

The expenditure for school supplies has not been large. At the beginning of the year a series of text books "on Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the Effects of Stimulants and Narcotics on the Human System for Use in Schools" was introduced. It is hoped that by a faithful use of these the children and youth will come not only to realize the importance of a proper care of their bodies, but will become rooted and grounded in the principles of temperance which has so much to do with their future enjoyment and usefulness.

During the summer vacation extensive repairs were made on the school house in No. 5, so that now the children who go to school here have as comfortable and pleasant a room as any of the others enjoy. The repairs necessitated a delay, and the fall term was somewhat shortened thereby. This may be made up from time to time by lengthening the other terms. All of the school houses are now in fairly good order, with the exception of that in No. 9. This can be greatly improved by the introduction of new furniture and a small outlay in the way of repairs. It will very likely receive this attention during the coming year.

It will be well, perhaps, to conclude this report with one or two general remarks.

THE TRUE IDEA OF EDUCATION.

It is not so much the number of studies the scholar has pursued, nor the number of pages in the text book he has been over that determines the educational progress which he has made, as it is how well he has done it; how much real mental discipline he has received from the effort. Education is not a pouring-in process, but the reverse. The root meaning of the word is "to lead out." As Webster remarks: "It implies not so much the communication of knowledge as the discipline of the intellect and the regulation of the heart." He who can best use the powers which God has given him is best educated, though he may not have the widest knowledge.

It would be well if the teacher would become thoroughly imbued with this idea of education.

It would greatly assist him in his efforts to secure the best results in his scholars and to adapt himself to their individual needs. And it would help the scholar, who is sometimes impatient to make advancement in the way of turning pages and who demurs at the introduction of certain exercises which are in every way calculated to accomplish the purpose for which he is applying himself. The scholar who shirks a declamation or a composition goes so far in defeating the very purpose for which schools were instituted.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of a thorough mastery of the English language. It is not a high recommendation of the present day training certainly, that so many of the graduates of our schools, and seminaries, and colleges even, are so deficient in the power to express themselves with voice and pen in their own language. A writer in *The Nation*, commenting upon a report of the Committee on Composition and Rhetoric to the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, says: "At Harvard, as the committee demonstrates, the unhappy instructors are confronted with immature thoughts, set down in a crabbed and slovenly hand, miserably expressed and wretchedly spelled, and yet the average age of admission is nineteen." Now, this does not speak well for the system pursued in the schools in which these young men prepared themselves. It is doubtful if the college, with its immense curriculum, succeeded in correcting these faults, which existed because they were not precluded by a thorough training in English in the lower schools. If a scholar can have a knowledge of but one language, and that is about all the great majority of the children in our schools can hope for, let it be a knowledge of his mother tongue. A person can get along in any department of life, can even distinguish himself in business life, or in any of the professions, without a knowledge of the alphabet of a foreign tongue, but he will do well in none of these callings if he is deficient in the language of his people. The Boston *Herald* gives indorsement to the importance of a good knowledge of English in these words: "It is really a rare thing to find young people at from fifteen to nineteen years of age who can write letters or spell words out of the common, or prepare a composition correctly. A typist is required to have a good education, and

one who is a graduate of our grammar schools and has such a training is the exception and not the rule. It is also very difficult to find young men at the age that most youth enter college who can write a letter or a news paragraph correctly." There is only one way to remedy this palpable deficiency, and that is by encouraging more thoroughness in English, and insisting upon it in the common and preparatory schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

George A. Hill,
George Bidwell,

Edith Pettingill,
Marion E. Fowle.

FOR TWO TERMS.

Georgie Pettingill,
Charles J. Upham,
Albert Peacock,
Ralph Currier,
Horace Bidwell,

Mattie Moore,
Eddie Fowle,
Walter Converse,
Ernest Converse,
Georgia Parker.

FOR ONE TERM.

May Davis,
Gertie Bullard,
Bertha Bills,
Chas. J. Upham,
Delia Owen,
Wellie Owen,
Elmer Trow,
Lester Owen,
Ethel Peaslee,
Frank E. Holden,
Roy Sloan,
Marion Morse,
Florence Barrett,
Helen J. Currier,
Mabel Alexander,
Thomas Harvell,
Clarence Daniels,
Willard Smith,
Nellie B. Holbrook,
Etta C. Staples,

Daisy Bills,
Willis Chandler,
Edith Taylor,
Carrie Langley,
Winfield Bullard,
Jennie Moore,
Marion McGown,
Joseph Clarkin,
Val. Owen,
Carrie Morse,
Fred A. Hill,
Sidney Jackson,
Emma Hubbard,
Emma Alexander,
Helen Alexander,
Lottie Manning,
Della Daniels,
Edna Smith,
Frank J. F. Whiting,
Freddie Adams,

ATTENDANCE.

The Selectmen in their census for 1893 found 174 children between the ages of five and fifteen years.

The whole number found upon the school register, who attended school the past year, also the daily average attendance, is shown by the following figures.

The number over fifteen years attending school was 20, 9 boys and 11 girls.

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys	Girls.	Av. At'd.	Terms.	Wks.
No. 1. High,	40	19	21	28	3	33
Prim'y	37	25	12	28	3	33
No. 2	28	13	15	18	3	34
No. 3	9	5	4	8	3	34
No. 5	10	5	5	9	3	31
No. 6	13	7	6	10	3	34
No. 8	13	2	11	11	3	32
No. 9	11	7	4	8	3	34
No. 10	16	7	9	12	3	34
	<hr/> 177	<hr/> 90	<hr/> 87	<hr/> 132	<hr/> 27	<hr/> 299

It appears from the Treasurer's report, that the whole amount expended for tuition, fuel, and other necessary expenditures is an average of: \$19.20 per scholar.

The Treasurer's report follows with a statement in detail of all receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MCGOWN, } Board
 S. E. DODGE, } of
 W. W. SLOAN, } Education.

REPORT OF TREASURER

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

MARCH 1, 1894.

TEACHERS' SALARIES, SPRING TERM.

F. W. Brown,	\$144 00	
Annie S. Keyes,	79 50	
Clara Ordway,	83 00	
Annie L. Boutelle,	84 00	
Sara F. French,	73 50	
Ada M. Rhodes,	77 00	
Emma F. Trow,	77 00	
Deila A. Badger,	75 00	
Cora E. Holbrook,	77 00	
	<hr/>	\$770 00

FALL TERM.

C. A. Crooks,	\$240 00
Annie S. Keyes,	93 50
Clara Ordway,	90 00
Annie L. Boutelle,	84 00
Sara F. French,	84 00

Cordelia M. Melendy,	84 00	
Lizzie E. Farrell,	84 00	
Ada M. Rhoades,	63 00	
Cora E. Holbrook,	84 00	
	<hr/>	\$906 50

WINTER TERM.

C. A. Crooks,	\$240 00	
Annie L. Boutelle,	70 00	
Annie M. Kelley,	77 00	
Lizzie Farrell,	84 00	
Lura E. Parker,	70 00	
Ada M. Rhoades,	84 00	
Cordelia M. Melendy,	80 50	
Sadie A. Harvell,	84 00	
Cora E. Holbrook,	102 00	
	<hr/>	\$891 50
Whole amount paid for teachers,		<hr/> \$2,568 00

FUEL ACCOUNT.

P. F. Odell, slabs,	\$ 2 00	
J. P. Fletcher, wood and cutting,	11 50	
B. F. Whiting, slabs,	2 00	
B. F. Whiting, wood,	9 00	
F. C. Taylor, coal,	25 46	
Lemuel Fuller, wood and cutting,	12 00	
L. Webster, cutting wood,	1 00	
F. C. Bills, wood,	10 00	
G. H. Lakin, cutting,	6 25	
F. Burns, cutting,	4 50	
Geo. E. Farley, wood and cutting,	10 00	
A. S. Wilkins, wood and cutting,	12 63	
H. M. Parker, wood,	21 25	
E. C. Hubbard, wood and cutting,	4 25	
C. L. Trow, wood,	10 75	
Harry Adams, cutting,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$146 34

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

L. J. Webster, sweeping No. 1,	\$ 9 00	
F. Burns, care No. 2,	1 84	
E. F. Trow, " " 8,	1 83	
F. W. Hanson, " " 1,	5 00	
A. W. Peacock, " " 5,	1 83	
F. M. Barrett, " " 3,	1 76	
F. J. F. Whiting, " " 10,	1 83	
G. L. Bidwell, " " 9, two terms,	3 50	
C. J. Upham, " " 6,	1 67	
F. W. Hanson, " " 1,	6 00	
F. J. F. Whiting " " 10,	2 00	
E. R. Crooker, " " 8,	2 40	
F. M. Barrett, " " 3,	3 00	
L. J. Webster, sweeping No. 1,	11 50	
F. Burns, care No. 2,	2 04	
E. P. Fowle, " " 6,	3 00	
F. M. Barrett, " " 3,	2 50	
F. W. Hubbard, " " 8,	2 50	
A. W. Peacock, " " 5,	6 30	
F. J. F. Whiting, " " 10,	2 75	
F. W. Hanson, " " 1,	12 00	
L. J. Webster, sweeping No. 1,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$96 25

CLEANING SCHOOL HOUSES.

A. R. Merrill, No. 6,	\$ 2 00	
L. J. Webster, " 1,	10 00	
G. H. Lakin, " 1,	75	
L. E. Clark, " 5,	2 00	
L. A. Annis, " 3,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. W. Dodge, auditor,	\$ 2 00	
C. L. Wilkins, auditor,	2 00	
Levi Hartshorn, traveling fees,	5 00	
J. A. Bullard, carrying scholars,	170 00	
Town of Bedford, tuition,	21 00	
W. B. Rotch, insurance,	76 80	
	<hr/>	\$276 80

REPAIRS AND FURNISHING SCHOOL HOUSES.

F. W. Hanson, setting glass,	\$ 50
C. L. Wilkins, supplies, old bill,	1 05
A. F. Annis, labor and lumber, No. 3,	3 21
C. P. Dodge, blackboard material No. 5,	2 00
E. K. Burt, labor and supplies, No. 5,	121 29
D. W. Trow, labor and stone, No. 5,	23 46
James Cochrane & Son, labor and supplies, No. 5,	33 90
Frank Hartshorn, lumber, No. 5,	40 62
D. K. Marvell, painting, glazing and supplies,	41 92
F. C. Taylor, repairs and furnishings,	12 75
Emerson & Son, chairs and curtains	7 00
C. D. Wilson, supplies,	1 01
F. C. Taylor, repairing stove pipe and supplies,	1 50
Clark & Sloan, supplies,	17 44
Abby B. Melendy, Water, No. 1,	4 75
	<hr/>
	\$312 40

BALANCE SHEET.

Received from Town Treasurer amount re-		
quired by law,	\$1,596 00	
Received from Town Treasurer amount raised		
at school meeting,	400 00	
Received from Town Treasurer for insurance,	76 80	
Literary fund,	239 75	
Lawrence fund,	64 88	
Dog tax,	370 88	
Town of New Boston,	45 76	
J. O. Pulsifer, Dividend Quincy Ins. Co.,	20 25	
Amount on hand, March, 1893,	439 31	
	<hr/>	\$3,253 63
Paid Teachers,	\$2568 00	
Fuel,	146 34	
Care of school houses,	96 25	
Cleaning school houses,	16 75	
Auditing,	4 00	
Insurance,	76 80	
Town of Bedford, tuition,	21 00	
J. A. Bullard, carrying scholars,	170 00	

Levi Hartshorn, attending schools,	5 00	
Balance on hand March 1, 1894,	149 49	
	<hr/>	\$3,253 63

REPAIRS BALANCE.

Received from Town Treasurer amount raised for repairs,	\$500 00	
“ for old windows,	3 00	
Amount on hand March 1, 1893,	63 23	
	<hr/>	\$566 23
Paid for repairs,	\$312 40	
Amount on hand March 1, 1894,	253 83	
	<hr/>	\$566 23
Cost of schools for the year,		<hr/> \$3,416 54

W. W. SLOAN, Treasurer.

This certifies that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Education and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES P. HARTSHORN, }
JAMES F. WESTON, } Auditors.

7 AMHERST, N. H., March 6, 1894.

